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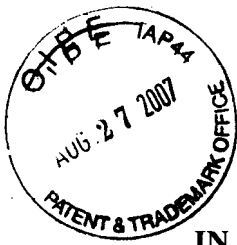
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For: POROUS CARBON BASE MATERIAL,
METHOD FOR PREPARATION
THEREOF, GAS-DIFFUSING
MATERIAL, FILM-ELECTRODE
JOINTED ARTICLE, AND FUEL CELL

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Action dated August 1, 2007, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-19, *with traverse*.

The Examiner seems to have overlooked the fact that the main process claims are all directed to producing the porous carbon substrate as set forth in claim 1. As a result, the method described in the claims of Group II is, indeed, directed to the same special technical feature as Group I. As explained at MPEP 1893.03(d), "A process is 'specially adapted' for the manufacture of a product if the claimed process inherently produces the claimed product with the technical relationship being present between the claimed process and the claimed product. The expression 'specially adapted' does not imply that the product cannot be also manufactured by a